

**Administrator Talking Points Re: U&O Reservation Air Quality Issue:
Western Governors Association Meeting
(2/23/17)**

Talking Points:

Ex. 5 - Deliberative

Background:

- High ozone levels have been observed over the last few years at numerous air monitors (tribal and state) in the Uinta Basin during winter inversions (as high as 134 parts per billion in 2013).
- The overwhelming majority of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and the slight majority of all nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions released in the Uinta Basin, which mix to form ozone, are estimated to come from oil and gas sources.
- An estimated 75% of oil and gas sources in the Uinta Basin are on the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation where EPA is the regulatory authority under the Clean Air Act.